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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INSTALLATION IN INDONESIA OF
OMEGA NAVIGATION SYSTEM

REF: JAKARTA 6336

1. IN REGARD TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS CONCERNING POSSIBLE
COST OF OPERATING A MONITOR RECEIVER POSED BY ADMIRAL
NIMPUNO:

A. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT MONITOR WOULD BE COLOCATED AT
EXISTING INDONESIAN FACILITY, SUCH AS RADIO STATION, WHERE
PERSONNEL WOULD BE ON DUTY.

B. ALTHOUGH DRAFT AGREEMENT REFERS TO INSTALLATION COSTS
BEING BORNE BY HOST AGENCY, THIS PROVISION CONTEMPLATES
HOST AGENCY NEEDING TO HIRE LOCAL LABOR TO ACCOMPLISH AT
INSTALLATION. VERY LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT INSTALLATION AT
AN EXISTING FACILITY IN JAKARTA AREA COULD AND WOULD BE
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ACCOMPLISHED BY SOME INDONESIAN PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO THIS
FACILITY WORKING HALF DAY OR LESS WITH AMERICAN SUPER-
VISION. NECESSARY NUTS, BOLTS, CLAMPS, ETC. WOULD BE
BROUGHT BY AMERICANS. NO CASH EXPENDITURES BY INDONESIANS
ANTICIPATED.

C. IT IS INTENDED THAT PERSONNEL ALREADY EMPLOYED AT

EXISTING FACILITY OPERATE EQUIPMENT WITH NO COST TO COAST GUARD, SINCE IT IS ESSENTIALLY AUTOMATIC AND DATA IS RECORDED ON MAGNETIC TAPE CASSETTES. LITTLE ATTENTION IS REQUIRED ASIDE FROM DAILY INSPECTION (LESS THAN 15 MIN.) TO SEE THAT RECEIVER/TAPE UNIT IS FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. AT END OF EACH MONTH CASSETTE WOULD BE REMOVED AND GIVEN TO REDMOND AT EMBASSY FOR ONWARD DELIVERY TO COAST GUARD OMEGA NAVIGATION SYSTEM OPERATIONS DETAIL (ONSOD). (LITTLEWOOD CONTACTED HERE; HE SAID SINCE PROGRAM HAS BASICALLY A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE - HELPING SHIPS AND PLANES, HE THOUGHT MAILBOX FUNCTION SHOULD BE EMBASSY'S).

D. AN ALLOWANCE OF 250 DOLLARS U.S. PER ANNUM WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR MINOR ITEMS INCIDENTAL TO OPERATION. PRINTED CIRCUIT (PC) BOARDS REQUIRING REPAIR WOULD BE RETURNED TO U.S. BY GOI AND REPAIRED AT COAST GUARD EXPENSE. (NOTE THAT RECEIVER CONTAINS TOTAL OF 6 PC BOARDS THAT CAN BE DIAGNOSED ON RECEIVER'S VIDEO DISPLAY).

2. AT RECENT INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE IN MONACO A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED THAT OFFERED ASSISTANCE BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT HYDROGRAPHIC AGENICES TO OMEGA MONITORING PROGRAM. IT IS EXPECTED THAT REAR ADMIRAL DJAMHIR PARDJAMAN, CHIEF, INDONESIA NAVAL HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE, WILL BE VISITING U.S. NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN JUNE. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENT ON ADVISABILITY OF COAST GUARD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPS DISCUSSING THIS SUBJECT WITH ADMIRAL PARDJAMAN. (NOTE COAST GUARD LTR TO ADMIRAL NIMPUNO OF 20 DEC 76 SUGGESTED HE MIGHT WISH TO COORDINATE OMEGA MONITOR ACTIVITIES WITH NAVAL HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE; BUT WE DO NOT KNOW STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PARDJAMAN AND NIMPUNO).

3. MEANWHILE, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, COAST GUARD IS PLANNING A SPECIAL CALIBRATION PROGRAM WHICH INVOLVES AN IN-FLIGHT EVALUATION OF OMEGA SIGNALS FROM USAF AIRCRAFT IN WESTPAC IN AUGUST. TO BE FULLY EFFECTIVE, THIS CALIBRATION PROGRAM WOULD BENEFIT FROM SOME OMEGA MONITORING EQUIPMENT BEING INSTALLED ON A TEMPORARY BASIS IN JAKARTA. A SEPARATE MESSAGE WILL FOLLOW REQUESTING GOI PERMISSION FOR ENTRY OF COAST GUARD PERSONNEL, TEMPORARY INSTALLATION OF OMEGA EQUIPMENT, AND FOR USAF OVERFLIGHTS. (COAST GUARD IS AWARE THAT INVOLVEMENT OF USAF PLANE IN THIS PARTICULAR EXERCISE MAY CAST

DOUBT ON PRIMARILY CIVILIAN NATURE OF OMEGA PROGRAM, BUT ADVISES THAT USAF AIRCRAFT WAS CHEAPEST AVAILABLE "FLYING PLATFORM" FOR OMEGA EQUIPMENT THAT COULD BE OBTAINED). LITTLEWOOD HAS CAUTIONED US AGAINST EXPECTING TIMELY GOI APPROVAL OF COAST GUARD REQUESTS; BUT IF APPROVED, THEY WOULD GIVE GOI AGENCIES INVOLVED AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE OMEGA PROGRAM IN ACTUAL OPERATION. IDEALLY, OF COURSE, OMEGA MONITORING EQUIPMENT COULD SIMPLY BE LEFT BEHIND WHEN WESTPAC IN-FLIGHT EVALUATION EFFORT WAS COMPLETED.

4. FYI. AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER FRASER FORMALLY ANNOUNCED ON 15 MARCH GOA APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE OMEGA TRANSMITTING STATION IN AUSTRALIA. FORMAL COUNTRY-TO-COUNTRY AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED SHORTLY. INITIAL SITE SELECTION AND DESIGN HAVE ALREADY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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